

Sir

Philadelphia 16 Jan^y 1781

The unhappy Disturbance in the Peasants Line is quiet. Many of them are discharged especially such as claimed to be dismissed as they had enlisted for three years or during the War. This Ambiguous Subtlety has been the occasion of much Difficulty. Besides that the State hired Men lately at the commencement of the Line to enlist during the War by a Bonaty of nine months in Spain. These circumstances attending such as have been common to the other Lines, viz. the Want of Pay and proper Supplies, seems to have been the principal cause of the late Disturbance. The Line discovered their abhorrence of entering into the British Service by their rejecting very alluring offers and by their delivering up to be executed the emissaries sent out by the British Commander to seduce them from their Allegiance.

Every Principle of Justice as well as Prudence dictates the Necessity of paying the Army. And Congress have called again upon the States to enable them to effect it. To pay and provide for the Army ought certainly to be ^{the} primary Object in every deliberative Council.

You will perceive by the enclosed Paper that the Enemy have begun to ravage Virginia. We have no very late News Southwards of that State But what

you will probably see in your own
Papers The general State of Affairs
in Carolina and Georgia seems to be,
that the Enemy are exercising the greatest
Severity upon the Inhabitants - and that
the People especially in the Northern
Parts of those States are taking every
Opportunity in which they are frequently
successful to repel the Violence -

We have no very late
Intelligence from Europe -

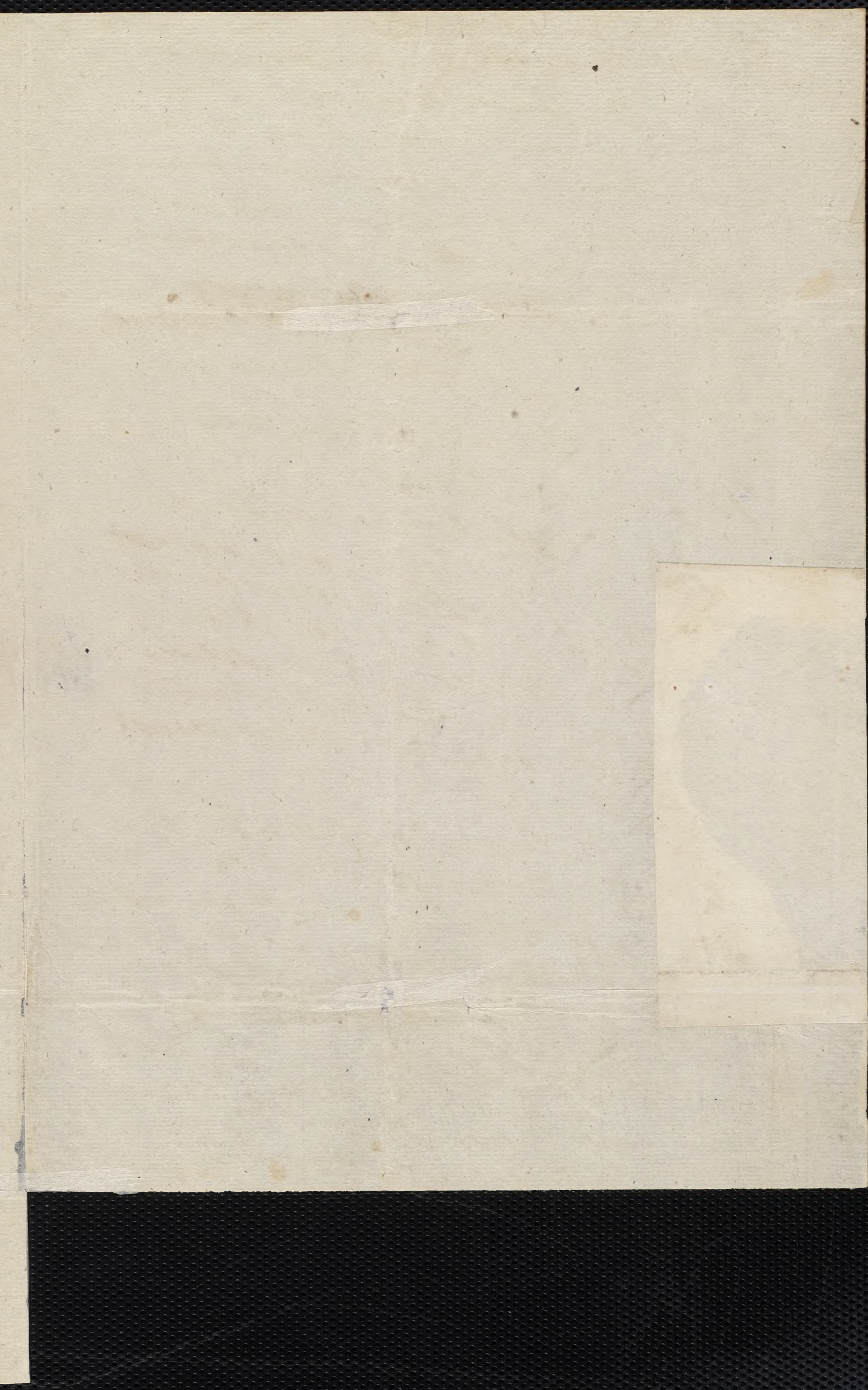
The New money of this
State is but just coming out - so that
it cannot yet be said, what will be the
Degree of Credit which it will obtain -
that it will soon be in Circulation
whether the Tender Act of the State
will accelerate this Circulation, cannot
now be ascertained -

I receive no Letter from
Litchfield - whether the Want of
Opportunity to Write - or the Appropriation
of Letters thus carrying prevents, my
having them I cannot say - Altho
I think that Letters will come by the
Post with tolerable Safety - my best
Compliments to Mrs. Keever who I hope
enjoys better Health - I am Sir
with much regard

Your most Obed. Servant

Oliver Wolcott

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